

## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Peter Scovil

### GATHERING

**LENTEN INTROIT** (Choir)

*Blessed is He that cometh in the name, in the name of the Lord!*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

One: Jesus' life provides the perfect backdrop for us in this time of reflection, because all the things that he felt and did are parts of our lives, too.

Two: **When we feel down or discouraged, we know that he, too, experienced these times.**

One: When we feel angry or alone, we can take comfort in knowing that Jesus has already been there ahead of us.

Two: **So, each week, as we extinguish a candle, we will recall and remember a part of Jesus' life and our own lives.**

One: Today, we extinguish this first candle to remind us of the temptations in life.

Two: **We do this knowing that Jesus experienced many temptations. His courage in the face of these trials provides courage for us in our trials.**

(Extinguish the first candle.)

**HYMN:** O God, How We Have Wandered

VU #112

### OPENING PRAYER

**CHOIR RESPONSE:** Forty Days and Forty Nights (vs. 1)

VU #114

*Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;*

*Forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.*

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURES:

Andrea Borsy

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE: Luke 4: 1 - 13

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE: Romans 10: 8b - 13

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Canon of Praise

### MESSAGE

**HYMN:** Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

VU #115

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING

**Offertory:** Giver of the Perfect Gift (vs. 1)

VU #116

*Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,*

*Hear the prayer our hearts uplift, gathered at thy throne of grace.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (sung)

VU #960

#### WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**HYMN:** On Eagle's Wings

VU #808

### BENEDICTION

**SUNG BLESSING:** O Jesus, I Have Promised (vs. 1)

VU #120

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;*

*Remain forever near me, my Saviour and my friend:*

*I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,*

*Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be advised that effective March 5, 2025 **INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY AT WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH HAS ENDED**. Shortly a Pastoral Charge supervisor will be appointed from Horseshoe Falls Regional Council to lead us as we go forward.

**OUTREACH** - The Outreach Team will be hosting a **SOUP SUPPER** (Loaves of Bread) on Wednesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

**THE MARCH SOUP LUNCH** has been moved to Sunday, March 23. Please note the change of date. We are planning on having Stew and Biscuits this month.

Each year in the United Church of Canada, **A LENTEN STUDY** is promoted for communities of faith. This year's study is inspired by the book "Something Sacred", and an online study session will be held each Tuesday during Lent from 1 to 2 pm. Anyone may register on ChurchX to join in the online study (at a charge of \$39.95 for 6 sessions). The 1st session will be March 11, and the final session will be April 15. The theme of the book focuses on the hymns of our faith, and will be of interest as the United Church provides a new hymn resource entitled "Then Let Us Sing." What we sing together has the power to change us.

---

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Rev. Debra Leedham

As we enter the season of Lent in 2025, we reflect on the temptations faced by Jesus when he started his ministry. Beyond his experiences, we look at our own temptations, both for us as individuals, and for us as a church. Thinking about what tempts us today, is an occasion for solemnity. Let us proceed in dignity.



## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

March 9, 2025

**Worship Leader: Peter Scovil**

**Music: Chris Savory**



*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*

---

*Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.*

**The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.**

---

Church Phone: 519-443-5261

Church Webpage: [www.waterfordunitedchurch.org](http://www.waterfordunitedchurch.org)

Office Administrator, Diane Holden [wucsecretary@bellnet.ca](mailto:wucsecretary@bellnet.ca)

Treasurer, Kimberly Holden [wuctreasurer@bellnet.ca](mailto:wuctreasurer@bellnet.ca)

Church Bookings, Cori Angus 519-443-8212 or 519-802-2401